

## MATH 501 EXERCISES 6

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Throughout by  $\mathbf{C}$  ( $\mathbf{P}^1$ , resp.) we denote the field of complex numbers (Riemann sphere, resp.) and  $z$  is always a point of  $\mathbf{P}^1$ . By  $\varphi: S^2 \setminus \{N = (0, 0, 1)\} \rightarrow \mathbf{C}$  we denote the stereographic projection and by  $\psi$  its inverse.  $\Omega$  denotes a lattice in  $\mathbf{C}$  generated by two  $\mathbf{R}$ -linearly independent complex numbers  $\omega_1$  and  $\omega_2$ .

- (1) Say  $f: \mathbf{C} \rightarrow \mathbf{P}^1$  an elliptic function with periods  $\omega_1$  and  $\omega_2$  so that  $\omega_1/\omega_2 \in \mathbf{R}$ .
- ▶ Assume that  $\omega_1/\omega_2 \in \mathbf{Q}$ . Write  $\omega_1/\omega_2 = p/q$  where  $p$  and  $q$  are relatively prime. Show that the assumption that  $f$  being elliptic (i.e. doubly periodic) is equivalent to  $f$  being simply periodic with period  $\omega_0 = \frac{1}{q}\omega_2$ .
  - ▶ If  $\omega_1/\omega_2$  is irrational then  $f$  is constant. (Hint: Show that whenever  $\tau$  is irrational the set  $\{m - n\tau: m, n \in \mathbf{N}\}$  is dense in  $\mathbf{R}$ ).

- (2) We define the Weierstraß sigma function as

$$\sigma(z) = z \prod'_{\omega \in \Omega} \left(1 - \frac{z}{\omega}\right) \exp\left(\frac{z}{\omega} + \frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{z}{\omega}\right)^2\right).$$

Assuming the convergence of  $\sigma$  show that

- ▶  $\sigma$  has a simple zero at each lattice point  $\omega$ ,
- ▶  $\sigma$  is odd.

Define the Weierstraß zeta function as  $\zeta(z) = \frac{\sigma'(z)}{\sigma(z)}$  (note that this is NOT the Riemann zeta!).

- ▶ Using the fact that  $\zeta$  is the *logarithmic derivative* of  $\sigma$ , find an infinite sum which represents  $\zeta$ .
- ▶ Use previous part to see that  $\zeta$  is an odd function.
- ▶ Write  $\zeta'$  as a rational function of  $\wp$  and  $\wp'$ .
- ▶ Show that  $\zeta$  is NOT elliptic. (Hint: Using the above question, integrate to see  $\zeta(z + \omega_i) = \zeta(z) + \eta_i$  for  $i = 1, 2$ . Then, for any  $z \in \mathbf{Z}$  let  $P$  be the fundamental parallelogram with one vertex at  $P$  and compute  $\int_{\partial P} \zeta(z) dz$  to see that  $2\pi i = \eta_1 \omega_1 + \eta_2 \omega_2$ . Why does this say that  $\zeta$  is not elliptic?)
- ▶ Use the fact that  $\zeta$  is not elliptic and is the logarithmic derivative of  $\sigma$  to show  $\sigma(z + \omega) = -\sigma(z) \exp(\eta(z + \frac{1}{2}\omega))$  whenever  $\frac{1}{2}\omega \notin \Omega$ .

- (3) Show that any rational function of  $\wp$  and  $\wp'$ , say  $\frac{f(\wp, \wp')}{g(\wp, \wp')}$  can be written as  $f_1(\wp) + \wp' f_2(\wp)$ , where  $f_1, f_2 \in \mathbf{C}(\wp)$ . (Hint: Use the differential equation relating  $\wp$  and  $\wp'$ .)

- (4) Let  $[a_1], \dots, [a_r]$  and  $[b_1], \dots, [b_s]$  be distinct points in  $\mathbf{C}/\Omega$  and let  $k_1, \dots, k_r$  and  $l_1, \dots, l_s$  be positive integers. If the conditions

- i.  $\sum_{i=1}^r k_i = \sum_{j=1}^s l_j$ ,
- ii. the sets  $[a_1] \cup \dots \cup [a_r]$  and  $[b_1] \cup \dots \cup [b_s]$  are disjoint,
- iii.  $\sum_{i=1}^r k_i a_i \equiv \sum_{j=1}^s l_j b_j \pmod{\Omega}$ ,

hold, then there is an elliptic function  $f$  who has zeroes of order  $k_i$  at each  $a_i$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, r$  and poles of order  $l_j$  at  $b_j$  for each  $j = 1, 2, \dots, s$  and no other zeroes and poles. (Hint: Consider the function  $f(z) =$

$$\frac{\prod_{i=1}^r (\sigma(z - a_i)^{k_i})}{\prod_{j=1}^s (\sigma(z - b_j)^{l_j}).})$$

- (5) Show that

- ▶  $\wp(u + v) = \frac{1}{4} \left( \frac{\wp'(u) - \wp'(v)}{\wp(u) - \wp(v)} \right)^2 - (\wp(u) + \wp(v))$ , and
- ▶  $\wp'(u + v) = \left( \frac{\wp'(u) - \wp'(v)}{\wp(u) - \wp(v)} \right) \wp'(u + v) + \frac{\wp(u)\wp'(v) - \wp(v)\wp'(u)}{\wp(u) - \wp(v)}$ .